



The Bishops' Office

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Dear school communities,

While it is not possible to ask each of you how you are, please know that we have prayed for our school communities, both pupils and teachers during this unusual and hard time. Our prayers have been for those in a classroom and also at home.

In the past few months we have all had some questions and concerns - it is important that we always share these with others. Thankfully, we have also had people to keep us safe, people to care for us. We have seen that care can happen in many ways. Our message to you is about this word.

Care is a word with four letters, so it is a small word but we need to remember that it has a big effect on people and can leave them smiling. As each of us cares for others we can show God's love.

At first in lockdown a sign of caring was a rainbow often in a house window or a cuddly toy. Now, we may be able to show we care to more people. That may happen in our bubble of people or with a wave and a smile or helping someone with something bigger. To care is something we can all do in small ways. No matter how small when we care we are showing something that is big. We are showing God's love for each of us.

A good example of caring are your teachers and school staff. They have cared for you and others throughout the lockdown. We want to say thank you to all school staff who have cared for the community in ways that have been so special such as delivering lessons to houses and ringing pupils at home. Our school staff have shown God's love in their care. For that we are grateful.

For all of you this has been a very different year, no matter whether you are at home or back at school. Whatever happens please remember that small word care that can do so much in our world and leave smiles.

With our prayers for you and your teachers and families,

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